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# Force Summary, Democratic Republic of Afghanistan Indigenous and Soviet Forces

## Afghanistan National Forces

### Total Personnel

99,000\*

#### Ground

Motorized Rifle Divisions	2
Infantry Divisions	11
Tanks	400
Artillery, Mortars, MRLs, ( ≥ 100-mm)	900

#### Air & Air Defense

Counterair/Air Defense	30
Ground Attack	70
Transport	30
Helicopters	60
SAM Launchers (strategic)	30
SAM Launchers (tactical)	0

## Soviet Forces in Afghanistan

### Total Personnel

115,000

#### Ground

Motorized Rifle Divisions	3
Airborne Division	1
Tanks	670
Artillery, Mortars, MRLs, ( ≥ 100-mm)	1,300

#### Air & Air Defense

Fighter-Bomber/Ground Attack	120
Transport	20
Helicopters	290
SAM Launchers (tactical)	100

\* includes all military and security forces.



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